

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1776 - HB 1840

January 25, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a student who fulfills the requirements of the Tennessee Work Ethic Distinction Program to be recognized as a Tennessee Tri-Star Scholar upon graduation from high school.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Work Ethic Distinction is awarded to students who successfully demonstrate a number of standards. Participating employers agree to grant an interview to any qualified applicant who applies for an open position and has successfully completed the Work Ethic Distinction Program.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-6-6010 requires that a student who earns a composite score of 19 or higher on the ACT, or an equivalent score on the SAT, and earns a capstone industry certification as promoted by the Department of Education, be recognized as a Tennessee Tri-Star Scholar upon graduation from high school.
- High schools currently recognize students who qualify as Tennessee Tri-Star Scholars by placing a designation on the student's diploma or by providing a ribbon to be worn with graduation regalia.
- Expanding the criteria for a student to be recognized as a Tri-Star Scholar upon graduation can be accommodated within existing resources without a significant increase in state or local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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